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Dear Kathleen Abernathy:

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a developer of HDTV technology, a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

I work at a company that makes HDTV chips, so I see HDTV technology around me all day. I've even written code that implements HDTV copy protection (DTCP). I have access to all the specifications and technical details of what will be mandated and I can see that it will only hurt the consumer. We need more openness in this marketplace. Everyone is already paranoid to try new things because "Hollywood" might crack down on them. I am worried about the future of my company if this broadcast flag is mandated. If there is no need to innovate then we may as well just wait for some offshore company to start cheaply mass producing our TV chips--we only stay on top of the curve by innovating, and if that is taken away then we are already dead. I feel that HDTV adoption is already on shaky ground and any more obstacles will severely hurt the marketplace.

The broadcast flag is going to turn our TVs into glorified movie theaters, where we will not be able to record anything for later viewing and even then we might have to pay just to watch a TV show twice. I know this because companies have already asked us about making our products capable of this kind of madness. I do everything in my power to squelch requests like these, but if the FCC sets the precedent by mandating this broadcast flag it will be impossible. Innovations such as TiVo will have such massive restrictions placed on them that they will have barely any value.

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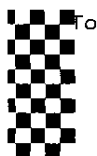
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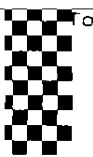
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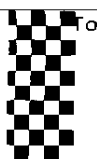
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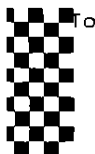
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If the FCC issues such a broadcast flag mandate, I will not make any investment in DTV-capable receivers and other such related equipment. I will not pay for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood millionaires and media barons. I must insist that you do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. To do so would be a massive violation of the consumer's trust and further proof that we are not the supporters of free enterprise and equal competition that was once the hallmark of American business.

Thank you for your time.

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Bill Frazzetto
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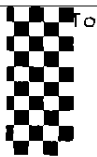
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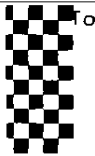
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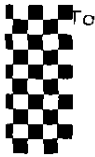
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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

As a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am gravely concerned that a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

The digital television transition relies on convincing consumers of the benefits of switching to and buying digital television equipment. That transition will be far more palatable to me as a consumer if switching doesn't mean discarding my existing home network, buying new high-resolution displays, and finding room for yet another device in my living room. Please do not allow the MPAA and its allies to hinder the transition by making us buy special-purpose DTV devices that are more expensive and less valuable.

In addition, I am very concerned about the fair-use implications of the broadcast flag. With today's technology, I can be more than a passive recipient of content -- I can modify, create, and participate. I can record TV to watch later; clip a small piece of TV and splice it into a home movie; send an email clip of my child's football game to a distant relative; or record a TV program onto a DVD and play it at my friend's apartment. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove this control and flexibility that I enjoy.

If the move to digital television does not make the public's viewing experience more enjoyable, flexible, and exciting, what compelling reason do I have as a consumer to buy new digital equipment? A prettier TV picture is hardly enough reason for me to dispense with all my current consumer electronics and computer equipment. As a citizen and consumer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital transition by opposing the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

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